

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt the E & R amendments to LB 60.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All those in favor signify by saying aye, opposed nay. The E & R amendments are adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, I move that we advance LB 60 to E & R for engrossing.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All those in favor signify by saying aye, opposed nay. LB 60 is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Very quickly, your committee on Constitutional Revision and Recreation whose chairman is Senator Labeledz instructs me to report LB 171 as advanced to General File. That is signed by Senator Labeledz as Chair, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: We will move on to General File to LB 26. Mr. Clerk, do you have anything on it?

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 26 was a bill introduced by Senator Warner. (Read.) The bill was first read on January 6, of this year. It was referred to the Revenue Committee, Mr. President. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I move that LB 26 be advanced to E & R initial. LB 26 is a comparable bill that was advanced last year from the Revenue Committee and was over on Select File at the time we adjourned and reintroduced the bill to be enacted this year inasmuch as it just plain was not gotten to last year. But those of you who would recall the discussion a year ago as well as two years ago, what the bill does is clarifies the type of property that qualifies for a Green Belt which has been the law for a number of years. Current law has had some problem of definition because it says the zoning must be exclusively for agriculture and for a number of reasons including some Attorney General's opinion the word "exclusive" was very narrowly interpreted and really what the purpose of the original act when it was enacted was to exclude certain property from this kind of a tax benefit if, in fact, it could be and was being held for development of some other purpose rather than the Green Belt of retaining open lands, open space around urban areas or